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# POLICE SELL DRUGS PLANE FOR £17K IN EBAY AUCTION

### AIRCRAFT WAS SEIZED AFTER SMUGGLING GANG WAS CAPTURED

A light aircraft, previously used by an international gang of drug dealers to fly cocaine into Northamptonshire, has been sold for more than £17,000 by police on eBay.

been put up for sale by a police force. However, it is not the first object confiscated from drug dealers and criminals to be sold on eBay.

Leicestershire Police, which listed the aircraft, said it had sold goods worth more than £600,000 on behalf of other forces in the past.

A spokesman confirmed a number of high-value sports cars, including an Aston Martin and an Audi R8, had been sold for more than £60,000. Other items included Rolex watches, a replica armoured car, a skateboard and dozens of pairs of women's designer shoes.

While car seizures from criminals are fairly common, police have confirmed the plane was a one off.

Detective Inspector Greg Maides, senior investigating officer, said: "It is relatively common to confiscate a criminal's car, but it's not often that we make an application to seize a plane."

The Zenair Zodiac CH601 UL aircraft was confiscated by officers from the East Midlands Special Operations Unit during an investigation into the organised crime gang.

It was used to fly class A drugs – which had been driven from Amsterdam to France and then packed into the light aircraft – into the county.

The case concluded in November last year with the convictions of six men for a total of 37 years. The eBay auction ended on Monday night with the plane selling for £17,201.

The aircraft is "currently out of commission and needs considerable work before airworthiness", police said.

It is believed to be the first time a confiscated aircraft had



The Zenair Zodiac aircraft was seized by police after a drugs operation and sold this week on the internet

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Costly signs: Signs, similar to this one in Aylesbury, will soon be put up across Northampton to direct drivers to car park spaces

# £200,000 for electronic signs to highlight spaces in town centre car parks

By WAYNE BONTOFT  
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**Electronic signs pointing drivers to car parks across Northampton are due to be installed across the town, at a cost of £200,000.**

Plans for the parking signs were approved by Northampton Borough Council last week.

The council has not yet revealed where the signs will be or which car parks they will advertise, but they will tell drivers which ones in the town centre have spaces.

The council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Tim Hadland (Con, Old Duston) said the electronic signs would be particularly useful to tourists.

He said: "Our research has shown we need to make it easier for visitors to the town centre to find the most appropriate parking close to their destinations.

"This is particularly important for the new visitors

who we wish to attract. New electronic signs will make this much easier.

"They will guide drivers to our car parks, provide information about where there are available spaces and when free parking is available."

But opposition politicians at the Guildhall have hit out at the six-figure cost of the signs, claiming the money could be better spent elsewhere.

The leader of the opposition, Councillor Terry Wire (Lab, St James) said: "The Conservative leaders of the council claim money is tight, but this £200,000 could have been much better spent on frontline services.

"The car park signage is, at present, perfectly adequate.

"The car parks are very rarely full and the borough council should really concentrate on trying to fill them rather than trying to direct people to them.

"Spending this money on new signs is a waste."

At the end of 2011, the council came under fire from the public for selling off two town centre car parks to de-

velopers. The authority said it was acceptable to sell the St John's open air car park site for the development of student flats and part of the nearby Albion Place car park for the development of a hotel, because car parks across the town were never completely full.

At the time, they suggested Northampton town centre had 1,729 more parking spaces than were needed, even at the most busy times.

Plans for the electronic car park signs were passed as part

of the council's budget earlier this week.

Other proposals which were also approved by the authority will see a new cafe and toilet block built at the town's skatepark on Midsummer Meadow at a cost of £150,000.

## YOUR VIEW

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## Weekends are more popular but car parks are never full

- Northampton Borough Council has approved plans to spend £200,000 on electronic signs to direct drivers to vacant spaces in the town's car parks.
- But in 2011, when the council was proposing the sale of two car parks, officials at the Guildhall claimed they were never full.
- Referring to data collected

in 2009, the council said that during a normal weekday, only 2,660 of the town's 5,315 spaces were used.

■ At weekends, the figure rose to 2,800 of the spaces being used.

■ During the peak shopping period of December, only 2,880 of the town's parking spaces were used during the week and 3,521 at weekends.

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# Famed explorer turns

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Sir Ranulph Fiennes (pictured opposite page) has had to return from the Antarctic due to frostbite, but the team is continuing to use equipment provided by Radio Structures, of Northampton

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# to town firm for help

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**Famed explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes's greatest challenge may be over for the time being, but the engineering expertise of a Northampton firm is still guiding his colleagues.**

Sir Ranulph personally phoned Radio Structures Ltd to ask if it could provide equipment for his attempt to conquer Antarctica in winter.

The Round Spinney-based firm was more than happy to oblige, once staff had accepted it was really Sir Ranulph on the phone and not a hoax call.

Sadly, it was announced on Monday that Sir Ranulph had been evacuated from Antarctica due to severe frostbite. His colleagues are now continuing the trek without him.

Radio Structures makes radio masts and antennae for the telecommunications industry, and has been trading for more than 30 years.

It has supplied the expedition team with lattice mast



sections, which are connected to a radar boom.

The boom is used to find where ice has broken and frozen back over, as there is a danger anyone walking across it could fall through.

It is only switched on when the explorers get tired and feel they are not alert enough to judge the dangers themselves.

Office manager, Lisa Clayton, said: "He rang himself and I thought someone was pulling my leg. The more we spoke I realised it was him. He was so articulate. He is the sort of person you could have spoken to all day.

"I've no idea to this day how he found us. It is really amazing.

"The crossing will take six months and has never been done before. The temperatures get down to minus 90 and everything will be in complete darkness."

The expedition, called The Coldest Journey, started in December, and involves the participants facing some of the most inhospitable conditions known to man.

The steel in the masts is galvanised after fabrication, but no other special measures are needed for it to operate in the extreme cold.

# Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

**It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.**

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

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# Bob marks turning 80 with a run in the snow

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An octogenarian athlete celebrated his 80th birthday by running three miles around Northampton's Racecourse in the snow.

Over the past four decades, Bob Emmerson has run more than 100,000 miles, including 98 marathons and 100 ultra-marathons.

To celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, he did what he does every weekend, joining about 100 other runners for a lap of The Racecourse.

He said: "It's a lot harder running these days.

"I'm not as quick as I used to be and I usually run at the back of the pack.

"But I want to keep going until I'm 90."

Mr Emmerson, who holds several distance running world records, still runs three times a week, completing an average of about 10 miles.

Every Saturday morning,



Bob Emmerson braved snow flurries to run on his 80th birthday

he takes part in the Park Run on The Racecourse, running alongside people who are less than half his age.

The Walgrave resident does the runs despite having had two hip replacements.

He said: "I only wish this running group had been going when I was running really well."

"The satisfaction you get from completing a run is immense. You always feel better when you finish than you did when you started.

"It's a great feeling."

Before Saturday's run, the other athletes taking part sang

Bob a chorus of 'happy birthday'.

His wife, Thelma, also watched him run the course.

Mrs Emmerson, who used to run alongside her husband until she injured her knee, said: "He said he would finish running at 60, then he said it again at 70, but he's still out there and I'm very proud of him."

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if he's still out running by the time he's 90."

"Even when we go out for a walk, he still wants to run part of it."

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Residents want the road in Gladstone Road sorted out

# Residents insist road safety surface must go

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**Residents have chosen to fight on for the complete removal of a noisy Northampton road surface after rejecting a £50,000 offer of repairs.**

People living off Gladstone Road, in Spencer, said their lives have been made miserable for three years by intolerable aeroplane-like noise caused by cars on 'rumble strip' material outside their homes.

Officers at Northamptonshire County Council offered to remove sections of the road safety surface or spend £50,000 on improving the area by repairing side roads off Gladstone Road.

But residents at a specially convened meeting of the Spencer Dallington Residents Association voted to keep battling and rejected both offers.

Gareth Eales, (Lab, Spen-

cer), the Northampton borough councillor for the area, said: "The proposals simply do not go far enough to resolve the main issue which is the noise.

"The view that the 'rumble

## 'Noisy' rumble strips are 'not helping' safety

- Most residents do not believe the original safety aim been fulfilled by the contentious rumble strip.
- The noise created by tyres running over the surface at high speed is supposed to alert drivers that they are driving too fast.
- But Newport Road resident Joe Copus said: "The police stood out there in the last year and said they found more than 80 people speeding in just one hour.
- "So not only is it unbearably noisy it doesn't do the job it was designed for either."

strip' surface is a big deterrent from speeding is not accepted, the impact on people's quality of life and the disruption this surface causes far exceeds any minor speed reduction, if indeed there is any."

The handful of residents rejected the £50,000 offer, after Councillor Eales pointing out that the budget would only be enough to pay for the resurfacing of 20 per cent of a single side road.

Several residents also spoke out about the limited repairs offer, saying each vehicle's sound may well be shorter but the volume would be just as loud.

The only resident to vote for the remedial works was Joe Copus, of Newport Road. He said: "It wouldn't be perfect but it might have allowed me a proper night's sleep for the first time in three years.

"There's a real danger that if we say no to this we will get nothing at all. I don't want to take that chance."



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# Frank dies before medal recognition



A veteran from Northampton who took part in heroic war missions in the Arctic Sea, died just weeks before the Government agreed to award British medals for bravery.

The Royal British Legion Northampton branch has confirmed that former Royal Marine Frank Rose, aged 94, died last month.

He was one of the last survivors from the legendary Second World War Arctic convoys that kept the Russian effort going with oil and weapons.

The news followed this week's announcement that veterans or their families would finally be recognised with a British Arctic Star.

Joe Heffernan, president of the British Legion in Northampton, said: "The timing is so sad.

"He was 100 per cent of the opinion that he should have

got a specific British medal.

"He felt it was long overdue because what they did was so hard. He said he felt bitter that the Russians honoured him with a medal but not his own country."

In 1942, Mr Rose's ship, the HMS Trinidad, sank two German destroyers, was almost sunk when it was hit by one of its own torpedoes, then limped into a Russian port.

When it was put out to sea

again it was blown apart by the Luftwaffe, killing many men, but Mr Rose survived.

The Russian government gave Mr Rose (pictured) a delayed medal in 1986 to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the war.

At the time, he said: "The funny thing is that we didn't really get on with the Russians, but afterwards they realised our efforts and we've had many liaisons with them since."

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# Preparing eyesore for demolition job

BY WAYNE BONTOFT

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**Twelve lorryloads of rubbish were taken out of the offices above Northampton's Greyfriars bus station in just one day this week.**

Wrecking crews moved into the 36-year-old building on Monday to clear out the empty offices before the building is finally demolished.

The leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh (*Con, Rectory Farm*), joined the *Chron* on a tour of the vacant offices to get a last glimpse of them before they are completely gutted.

He said: "I'm pleased we've started to decommission the building. It's a long process, but when the new bus station is completed, we can close Greyfriars and start on its demolition. That won't happen overnight, but it should start next year."

The town's new bus station, on the site of the former Fish-market, is due to be completed at the beginning of next year and it is expected the demolition of Greyfriars will then begin in March 2014.

Councillor Mackintosh said: "We don't know exactly how long the whole demolition process will take because it will have to be done brick by brick. We can't just blow it up."

Greyfriars opened in April 1976. By August that year, it was already being described as "the biggest mistake in Northampton's history".

The offices above the bus station remained empty until 1982.

They were occupied by Bar-

## Timetable of a 'white elephant'

- The £7.2 million Greyfriars building opened on April 25, 1976.
- By May 1976, the building was described as 'a white elephant'.
- In September 1977, the building was called one of the most offensive spots in town.
- The offices above the bus station remained empty until 1982.
- The first company to take over the offices was Lummus engineers. They moved out in 1986.
- Barclaycard moved into the building in 1986 and left in 1997.

claycard staff until 1997, but have remained empty ever since.

Despite the length of time the offices have been vacant, there are still hundreds of desks and chairs in the building, with many areas looking as if workers had only just left.

Piles of Barclaycard paperwork, all dated from 1996, also litter the floors as do computer manuals and floppy discs, as well as notes written by workers almost 20 years ago.

The building's staff canteen also looks as if it only closed a few days ago, with plastic knives still sitting waiting to be taken away by hungry diners and the well-used ovens still caked in the grease of thousands of dinners.

The former landmark rooftop gardens however are in a much worse state. Ponds which once stood as tranquil pools are now filled with a thick green slime and dead pigeons also litter the floor.

Councillor Mackintosh said: "Clearly over the years, the bus station has fallen into a state of total disrepair.

"It costs us a lot of money to keep it running, which is not good for the taxpayer.

"The building is disgusting and beyond repair."



Council leader David Mackintosh looks around the offices and roof garden of Greyfriars in Northampton town centre



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# Tull play on stage here?

By WAYNE BONTOFT  
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It is hoped a play about legendary Northampton Town footballer, Walter Tull, could be performed in the town one day.

The play, *Tull*, by author and Walter Tull expert, Phil Vasili, had its world premiere at the Octagon Theatre in Bolton last week.

The story of Mr Tull, who was one of the first black outfield players in top-flight football and one of the first black British army officers, has already received rave reviews.

Mr Vasili said: "Northampton features in the play a lot and a lot of the story is set in the town.

"We would love it to transfer to Northampton. I think it would have a lot of appeal, both for Cobblers' fans and for people from the town."

The show has been staged in Bolton because the theatre's artistic director is a Cobblers' fan. It features Nathan Ives-Moiba, making his professional acting debut as Mr Tull.

Mr Vasili said: "The play is 10 times better than I ever en-



On stage: Nathan Ives-Moiba as Walter Tull in the play *Tull*

visaged. The thought at first was, who would want to see a play about a black footballer from Northampton?

"But the actors have really committed themselves to it and the guy playing the lead is fantastic. He plays all of Walter's life with real skill.

"You really believe that he's Walter the officer and Walter the footballer. He does a fantastic job."

The play has a cast of eight playing a variety of different roles.

Its minimal staging style means there is no set or props and the characters all wear modern dress.

One review described it as a "masterclass in acting".

It is on show in Bolton until March 16, with hopes that it may tour the country in the future.

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Principal of Northampton College, Len Closs, will be retiring later this year

# College head to retire

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**The principal of Northampton College has announced his intention to retire at the end of the current academic year.**

Len Closs, who has been in charge of the college since 2002, has said he feels the "time is right" to step down.

Mr Closs, aged 60, has presided over a period of major improvements at the college including a three-year £75 million rebuild of the Mounts and Booth Lane site.

He said: "I felt that for both personal and professional reasons it was the right time to make the move. I've really enjoyed the job and loved working in a college with lots of great people. I'm very lucky that I've had an uninterrupted career doing something I've really enjoyed.

"What I'm most proud of is improving the quality of education at the college over a number of years. We have steadily increased our success rates year after year.

"It has been an enormous privilege to be principal. It has not always been an easy job but overall I've enjoyed every minute."

The college has begun a search for Mr Closs's successor and the post of principal will be advertised externally in a number of national education publications tomorrow.

Roger Morris, chairman of the board of governors of the college, said Mr Closs's retirement marked the "end of era" at the college.

He said: "Len Closs has led the college with distinction through a period of tremendous change. He has made a major contribution to the college and will be a very hard person to follow.

"We will be looking for someone with a proven track record of improvement."



# Saints' training pitches are staying put

By JOHN HARRISON  
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Saints chiefs have pulled out of plans to relocate two rugby training pitches to fields at Delapre.

The Franklin's Gardens club had held discussions with Northampton Borough Council about the possibility of moving the pitches, which are currently behind their Weedon Road stadium, to land off Eagle Drive.

The proposal would have seen Saints' pitches developed next to a planned community football facility in memory of Richard Butcher, the former Cobblers' trainee who died two years ago.

The club looked into the possibility of moving so new car park spaces could then be built on the existing pitches. The proposal was part of plans to construct an Asda supermarket near the stadium.

The plans met with local opposition and sparked concern from archaeologists, who claimed the fields could be the



Northampton Saints said they no longer intended to establish training pitches on land off Eagle Drive

site of the Battle of Northampton. They said any development, which will also impact on the nearby Home Farm Equestrian Centre, could destroy historical artefacts. The fields are currently used for horses to graze on.

A Saints spokesman this week said: "After considering

a wide range of possibilities regarding a potential relocation of two of the club's training pitches, Northampton Saints' management has decided that retaining the existing two pitches at Franklin's Gardens is the best option in the club's interests.

"The Saints can now con-

firm that it has no further interest in the Eagle Drive site.

"During the decision-making process, representatives from the Saints were in regular contact with Northampton Borough Council, the Home Farm Equestrian Centre and the Butcher family and attended public meetings in Far Cotton

regarding Eagle Drive, and the club's management hopes that an agreement can be reached about the site which is suitable for all parties concerned."

The club will now try to find additional car park spaces. Richard Butcher's family still remains hopeful of developing Eagle Drive.

## Archaeological dig to begin on battle site soon

Leader of the borough council, David Mackintosh, said a team of archaeologists was to help develop a conservation plan for the Battle of Northampton site. He said discussions about the future use of the Eagle Drive land started last summer, when both the Saints and Cobblers were looking for new training facilities. Although "no firm plans were submitted", the plans caused controversy, with Liberal Democrats in the area opposed to the idea. Mr Mackintosh said: "We have commissioned a team of archaeological specialists to develop a conservation management plan for the battlefield site.

"This work will be progressing over the next few weeks as we talk to local experts and historians. Once we have completed the Conservation Management Plan we can look again at how we can celebrate our history and support the aspirations of Mrs Butcher in creating a fitting memorial for her son."

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**Luke Brooks**  
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## 18th Birthday

**PERRIN Laura**  
Happy 18th Birthday Darling Love Nan and Dougie x x

## In Memoriam

**MARLOW Ray**  
Died 4th March 2001.  
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But from our hearts you are never gone.  
For in our world of memories, you fill our hearts  
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**RIDLEY** — Jean (nee Gibbins). Suddenly on 15th February 2013, aged 89 years. Dearly loved Wife of the late Jack, much loved Mum of Judith and Bob. Loving Nanna to Sarah and Richard, Katie and Owen. "Night, night, God bless".

**KEITH SMITH**  
Passed away 22nd February 2013. A wonderful husband, dad and grandad.

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Paul John Charles

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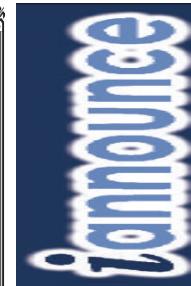
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## Boothroyd: We'll bounce back

### Cobblers boss expects positive response after Exeter setback

#### FOOTBALL

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**Aidy Boothroyd is confident the Cobblers can once again exhibit their powers of recovery this week when the team bid to bounce back from the Exeter loss against Accrington at Sixfields.**

Town's form on their own ground has been excellent this season, with 10 of the past 11 fixtures there ending in wins for Boothroyd's men.

It is a record that has been the basis of their promotion charge - the team are currently fifth in npower League Two, although Rotherham and Cheltenham will both overtake them if they get a draw or better in their fixtures on Tuesday night.

Town play host to Accrington on the back of a hefty 3-0 defeat at Exeter but they have been fairly good at responding to such results this term.

On five occasions, the team has recorded a win in the fixture immediately after a bad away loss - in the wake of losses at Plymouth Argyle, Fleetwood, Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield and Rotherham.

Having experienced a

ninth road reverse of the campaign in the 3-0 defeat at Exeter City on Saturday, Boothroyd is confident the team can make it six against Stanley this weekend.

"We've had a couple of hidings this season and we've managed to bounce back from them in our next game," he said.

"If you look at the past three games, we've taken six points from nine games and I guess we would have taken that, but Exeter was very disappointing because I want us to win every game."

"We've got a good group, they will take it on the chin and we'll get going this week to prepare for the game against Accrington."

Meanwhile the Cobblers have handed professional deals to David Moyo and Claudio Dias, taking the number of senior recruits from this year's youth team to four.

Goalkeeper Dean Snedker and midfielder Lewis Hornby had already signed pro deals at Sixfields, and will be joined by midfielder Dias and striker Moyo, both of whom travelled to Exeter City with the first-team squad at the weekend.

Central defender Harry Mattock, full-back Jordan Chambers and midfielder George Craddock are the players in the current group who have not been offered terms



Cobblers goalkeeper Lee Nicholls can't believe it as Exeter go ahead at St James' Park

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and will leave the club.

Also departing the club is under-18s Academy striker Glenn Middleton, who has joined Norwich City for an undisclosed fee.

"To have four players out of seven in this year move through in to the profession-

al ranks is a terrific achievement," said Academy Manager Trevor Gould.

"It says a lot for the attitude of the boys, the dedication and expertise of our coaches and is of great credit to the boys, their families, and the Academy here."

"Of course there are three players who haven't been offered terms and we send our best wishes to those boys."

"They are all good players and we will do what we can to help get them fixed up elsewhere."

## Coach hails 'unbelievable' NSB

**NORTHAMPTON** School for Boys rugby coach Mark Lee has hailed the school's "unbelievable" under-18s side and warned they will be heading to Twickenham later this month to win.

The Billing Road school made finals day of the Daily Mail Cup last Saturday, after staging an impressive comeback to beat Warwick School 13-10.

NSB had been trailing 10-0 just after half-time.

Lee said he had yet to start planning for the final, to be played at the home of rugby, and said he was hoping the whole town will get behind the school.

Lee said: "We have a bit of 'they shall not pass' mentality and that comes through in the end."

"We didn't play very well

for 50 minutes but for the last quarter of the match we got hold of the game."

Yesterday's win continued what has already been a remarkable time in the competition, which has seen NSB knock out some of the country's most prestigious rugby-playing private schools.

They will now take on Dulwich College on March 23 to be crowned national champions.



Northampton School for Boys celebrate their semi-final win over Warwick School